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United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region V. 5HSM-12
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago Illinois 60604

SUPERFUND PROGRAM
MANAGEMENT BRANCH

RE: E.K Blessing Company, Inc
1301 W. Beardsley Avenue
Elkhart, Indiana 46515--HIMCO
LANDFILL CR.IO- Elkhart.IN.

Dear Sir & or Madam:

This office are Environmental Consultants to E.K Blessing CO, and on behalf of the company are responding to EPAs request (certified mail) 4-27-89 for the information requested concerning the Himco Landfill/Himco, Inc/Himco Waste-away. our response is in numerical order related to those questions on page (2) of the agencies request letter.

1. (a). E.K Blessing Company, Inc are manufactures of brass-wind musical instruments
- (b) Manufacturing process consist of the following, forming of component parts, joining/soldering, polishing, lacquering, vapor degreasing, assembly, inspection, testing.
- (c) Non-hazardous/solid waste generated consist of cardboard, packaging materials, scrap wood, polish wheels, floor sweepings, general rubbish.
- (d) Waste disposal practices at this facility in the management of waste generated, are in accordance with RCRA' and those requirements of a generator, in managing hazardous waste Activities, including waste reduction / re-cycling practices when applicable, NON-HAZARDOUS WASTES generated is placed into a hopper provided by Himco Waste-away, these are picked up and disposed of weekly per contractual arrangement with Himco Waste-away, E.K Blessing Company has no knowledge of where these waste are disposed of, but assume at their disposal site and or the Elkhart County Sanitary Landfill.

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(d) 2. **Hazardous Waste** generated at the E.K Blessing Company consist of **Spent degreasing solvent**, (trichloroethylene) (1,1,1, trichloroethane), (FO01). These halogenated solvents are re-cycled (reclaimed) by-way of accumulation, distillation. This service is provided by Gold Shield Solvents, 2263 Distributor Drive, Indianapolis Indiana (313) 241-9379. The individual responsible for making the necessary arrangements for waste disposal at **E.K Blessing Company**, is **Mr. Bill Burns- Plant Manager**.

(1).(e) The SIC code number for this facility is 3931.

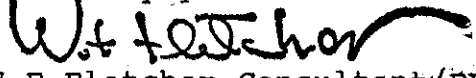
Additional Statement: E.K Blessing Company, Inc. have made notification to **EPA** with respect to hazardous waste activities and have been issued EPA identification number IND-005427794 (small quantity generator, (SQG)).

In addressing the relevant **targeted time period, 1960-1976**, the E.K Blessing Company was non-existent, the facility was operated as **Richards Music**, the Company was purchased in July 1964 by Mr. Merle Johnson current owner and president, the name of the operation was changed at that time, to E.K Blessing Company. The current owner and management has no knowledge or records of previous waste generation and disposal practices, E.K Blessing Company, Inc has never made arrangements with **Himco, Inc, Himco waste-away**, or any other source for the disposal of waste generated at this facility into the **Himco Landfill** located on county road # 10.

E.K Blessing is happy to cooperate with EPA in providing information requested, nevertheless, disclaim any past or current responsibility, circumstances, action as a PRP with respect to circumstances surrounding the presence of **Hazardous waste** in or around the **Himco Landfill** located on county Road 10. Elkhart Indiana, If the agency has information to the contrary, E.K Blessing Company, Inc request copies of that information

If we can be of further assistance concerning this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely yours


W.F Fletcher, Consultant/EE
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cc; E.K Blessing Company, Inc

Merle Johnson, President

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